

## Pioneer Businessman Dies; Services Set

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday for one of Torrance's pioneer business and civic leaders, William Elsworth (W. E.) Bowen.

A native Californian, Mr. Bowen came to Torrance in 1922 to work in the cost department of the National Supply Co., now a division of Armco. He was secretary and manager of a local mutual building and loan association for 18 years and then opened his own insurance and real estate firm.

Known throughout the city as "W. E." during his many years here, Mr. Bowen was an active member of Central Evangelical United Brethren Church, where tomorrow's services will be held. He took an active role in a number of church programs and was president of the Los Angeles County Christian Endeavor Union in 1927. As a past president of that group, he was a member of the Fossil Club, and was one of the few living members who had served in the 1920s.

A native of San Jose, Calif., Mr. Bowen spent his life in nearby Hollister, and then went to Marion, Ohio, where he was graduated from high school. He studied accounting at a division of Western Reserve University before entering the Army in 1917 to serve in World War II.

Following service with the 8th Infantry Division, Mr. Bowen returned to California and was employed as an accountant with the Challenge Cream and Butter Co. and then the Union Oil Co. in Fresno before coming to Torrance.

During his many active years here, he was a leader in his church, was an active booster and campaigner for the YMCA, and is credited with much of the drive behind the formation of the present Torrance-Lomita Board of Realtors.

He served that group as The Rev. Walter Stanton, vice president of the California Real Estate Association. The local Realtors honored him last year by making him an honorary lifetime member of the board.

He also was a member of the National Residential Appraisers, served as president of the Torrance Area Youth Band, and on the board of managers of the YMCA. He was chairman of the Torrance Interchurch Council and served for many years as registrar for the Torrance draft board.

The Rev. Walter Stanton, pastor of Central Church, will officiate at services at the church at Marcelina and Arlington tomorrow. Burial will be in Green Hills Memorial Park.

Mr. Bowen, who lived at 248 Avenida Atezada, leaves his widow, Laila; a son, John Rudolf, and two grandchildren.

## Wallace Boslaugh

Funeral services for Wallace Eugene Boslaugh, 1056 Avenue C, Redondo Beach, will be conducted at 11 a.m. tomorrow at the Halverson-Leavell Mortuary Chapel. Burial will be in Tigard, Ore.

Mr. Boslaugh, who was born Sept. 10, 1914, in South Dakota, died Monday. He had lived here for 11 years and was a member of the Tillamook, Ore., Masonic Lodge.

Surviving are his widow, Hilyda of Redondo Beach; a daughter, Sue Smith of Manhattan Beach; a son, Craig of Oregon; two brothers, Harold and Jack, both in Oregon; and his mother, Grace Enbree of Oregon.

## Stasia Center

Requiem mass for Stasia Center, of Long Beach, was celebrated at noon today at the Church of the Nativity. Rosary was said last evening at the Stone and Myers Mortuary Chapel.

A native of Illinois, she was born Feb. 16, 1901, and died Monday. She has lived in the area for 27 years.

Surviving are a sister, Hazel Hutton of Torrance, and three nieces and five nephews.

Burial is in Holy Cross Cemetery.

## Thomas O'Grady

Thomas Patrick O'Grady, a native of Dublin, Ireland, died Monday. Born Jan. 25, 1889, Mr. O'Grady is survived by four daughters, Margaret C. O'Grady, Mary McGinty, and Beatrice Tew of Torrance, and

Connie O'Rourke of Ireland; two sons, John and Edward O'Grady of Ireland; a sister, Elizabeth Smullen of Ireland; and 12 grandchildren.

A resident of Torrance for six months, Mr. O'Grady lived at 624 Madrid Ave.

Rosary will be recited at 7:30 tonight at Stone and Myers Mortuary Chapel. Services will be held at noon tomorrow at the Church of the Nativity. Interment will be in Dublin.

## Autumn Cortner

Funeral services for Autumn Lillian Cortner, 614 Pine Drive, were conducted Tuesday at the Halverson-Leavell Mortuary Chapel. Burial was at Valhalla Park Cemetery in Burbank.

Mrs. Cortner, a native of Indiana, was born Oct. 29, 1917, and died last Tuesday. She had lived here for 28 years.

Surviving are her husband, Charles; a daughter, Caressa Lucille; and a son, Charles Jr., all of Torrance.

## Emidio DeBenedetti

Requiem mass for Emidio V. DeBenedetti, 2424 Cabrillo Ave., was celebrated this morning at the Nativity Catholic Church. Rosary was said last night at the Halverson-Leavell Mortuary Chapel.

A native of Italy, Mr. DeBenedetti was born March 12, 1889, and had lived in Torrance for 25 years. He died Sunday.

Surviving are his widow, Mary; a daughter, Annabelle Pike of Torrance; four sons, Edward and Gilbert of Tor-

rance, John of Palmdale, and Joseph of Long Beach; eight grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Burial was at Green Hills Memorial Park.

## April Bigler

Funeral services for April Sue Bigler, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Bigler II of 160 E. 218th Place, will be held Friday at 9 a.m. at Pacific Crest Cemetery. Stone and Myers Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

In addition to her parents, she is survived by her paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Dale R. Bigler of New Philadelphia, Ohio; and her maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fouts of Juadenhuten, Ohio.

The Rev. Arthur Nagel, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Torrance, will officiate.

## Aeronca to Poll Stockholders

Stockholders of Aeronca, Inc. will be asked at their annual meeting April 23 to approve an increase in the amount of authorized common stock and to establish a new preference stock, A. G. Handschumacher, president, has announced.

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## Services Slated for Mrs. Howard Wood

Funeral services for Jessie Wood, wife of Dr. Howard A. Wood, long-time Torrance physician and civic leader, have been scheduled for 12:30 p.m. Thursday at the Halverson-Leavell Mortuary Chapel. Interment will follow in Roosevelt Memorial Park.

Mrs. Wood, born Jessie Margaret Jeffery, died here Monday. She was born in Palmyra, N.Y., on July 14, 1899.

While her husband was attending medical school at Yale, Mrs. Wood was active in Settlement House work in New Haven following their marriage in 1922.

Active with the Kiwanis Wives and for many years official pianist for their singests. Mrs. Wood had earned a degree in music and taught voice and piano at Redlands and Banning before coming to Torrance. She also was active in choral groups in those communities.

In addition to her husband, who has retired from his medical practice, Mrs. Wood leaves a sister, Mrs. Clarence Sorgard of Crestline, Calif.

AFTER SHE and Dr. Wood came to Torrance in 1942, she was active as an instructor in first aid, and then became a Gray Lady and a Red Cross volunteer at the Debarbation Hospital, now Harbor General Hospital near Torrance.

For nearly two decades she was active in work of Children's Orthopedic Hospital of Los Angeles and in the Well Baby Clinic at Torrance Memorial Hospital, a service of the Torrance Hospital's Auxiliary.

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